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1. The Vice President was briefed by the DCI, DDCI, DDI and members of the WH Division/DDP prior to his leaving for a trip in the Caribbean area.

2. Mr. Gleason, Assistant to Sen. Knowland, informed me that the Senator received a letter from a personal friend, calling to the Senator's attention the case of [   ] and indicating that [   ] planned to sue the Agency for $1,681. [   ] claims he was recruited for a position in CIA, and then that he was told by CIA to be ready to come on duty within 30 days, following which he was told there was no position for him. Meanwhile, [   ] had resigned his job, abrogated his lease, and sold his furniture. This matter is being discussed with AD/Personnel and others concerned prior to answering the Senator.

3. I talked with Mr. Spencer Platt, of the Bureau of the Budget, regarding the timing for submitting CIA proposals on increasing the salaries of its senior officials. Mr. Platt stated that the Bureau was doing some thinking and planning on the subject of Executive pay raises at the present time; however, no decisions on the whole question of Executive pay raises would be made until final Congressional action on Congressional and Judicial salaries was assured. Mr. Platt suggested that as soon as it was apparent that Congress was going to take final action on their own salaries, it would be appropriate for CIA to forward its own recommendations to the Bureau of the Budget for consideration. Mr. Platt felt that it would be preferable if our proposals were not phrased in terms of specific dollars, but were phrased in terms of positions such as "six positions to be compensated at the rate of compensation for assistant secretaries in the Executive Departments." This would have particular merit, in that each time Executive positions in a general category were raised, CIA Executive positions would be raised automatically.

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